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Application of

Docket No: Q61689

Takayuki USUI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/788,351

Group Art Unit: 1772

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Filed: February 21, 2001

For: PLANOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE PACKAGING MATERIAL AND
PLANOGRAPHIC PRINTING PLATE PACKAGING STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121), Applicants submit herewith a copy of the June 16 Amendment, but with a clean copy of the claims as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

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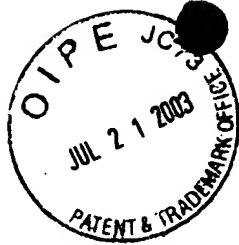
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sheet material for packaging a planographic printing plate, wherein the planographic printing plate includes an aluminum substrate and an imaging surface having a coating film and is to be fed through an automatic plate-feeding mechanism, the sheet material comprising opposing surfaces, one surface being for contacting the imaging surface of a printing plate when the material is used for packaging the planographic printing plate, and the opposing surface having a Bekk smoothness from 3 seconds to 55 seconds.